

CLAIMS

- 1 1. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
2 communication network, said information system comprising:
3 a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a communication network,
4 said location-specific input system being further configured to receive an input from a user, determine a
5 location of the user, and enable information corresponding to the input of the user and the location of
6 the user to be provided to the communication network.
- 1 2. The information system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a portable computing device, said location-sensitive input system being
3 implemented with said portable computing device.
- 1 3. The information system of claim 1, wherein said location-sensitive input
2 system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to
3 receiving the input from the user.
- 1 4. The information system of claim 2, wherein said portable computing device is
2 selected from the group consisting of: a phone, a personal digital assistant, and a
3 laptop.
- 1 5. The information system of claim 2, wherein said portable computing device
2 includes a Global Positioning System receiver, and the location of the user is
3 determined with said Global Positioning System receiver.

1 6. The information system of claim 2, wherein the location of the user is
 2 determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information
 3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

1 7. The information system of claim 6, wherein said location-specific input system
 2 retrieves information corresponding to the current cell of the user by querying a cell
 3 phone service provider of the user.

1 8. The information system of claim 6, wherein said location-specific input system
 2 is implemented by a cell phone of the user, said location-specific input system being
 3 configured to retrieve information corresponding to the current cell of the user via the
 4 cell phone.

1 9. The information system of claim 2, wherein said location-specific input system
 2 includes means for retrieving information corresponding to a current cell of the user.

1 10. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
 2 communication network, said information system comprising:
 3 a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a
 4 communication network, said location-specific input system being further configured
 5 to receive information via the communication network, determine a location of the
 6 user, and prevent information failing to correspond to the location of the user from
 7 being provided to the user.

1 11. The information system of claim 10, further comprising:
 2 a portable computing device, said location-sensitive input system being
 3 implemented with said portable computing device.

1 12. The information system of claim 10, wherein the location of the user is
 2 determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information
 3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

1 13. The information system of claim 10, wherein said location-specific input
 2 system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to
 3 receiving the input from the communication network.

1 14. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
 2 communication network, said information system comprising:
 3 a location-specific services system configured to communicate with a
 4 communication network, said location-specific services system being further
 5 configured to receive information from a user via the communication network,
 6 determine a location of the user, and provide information which corresponds to the
 7 location of the user to the user via the communication network.

1 15. The information system of claim 14, wherein said location-specific services
 2 system is configured to determine the location of the user by retrieving information
 3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.